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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 29, 2003 to February 29, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 for the amount of \$950 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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